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FOR YALE RICHMOND, CU/EE

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1. AMBASSADOR MET WITH SHOPOV JUNE 14 FOR GENERAL REVIEW OF HIS UPCOMING VISIT AND FOUND HIM AFFABLE, LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS VISIT, AND REASONABLY WELL PREPARED FOR IT. HE HAD BEEN READING EAGERLY ON AMERICAN HISTORY AND CIVILIZATION.

2. ONE SLIGHTLY EMBARRASSING FACT WHICH EMERGED IS THAT SHOPOV EXPECTED TO FLY FROM PARIS TO WASHINGTON SATURDAY, JUNE 18, RATHER THAN SUNDAY. THIS MAY BE A BLESSING IN DISGUISE SINCE WE HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY IN TRYING TO ARRANGE FIRST-CLASS PASSAGE BY TWA ON SUNDAY, DESPITE MAJOR EFFORTS MADE BY OURSELVES AND EMBASSY PARIS. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE NOW BOOKED HIM ON TW-891 WHICH ARRIVES DULLES 1530 HOURS SATURDAY, JUNE 18. INASMUCH AS SHOPOV RANKS AS MINISTER, WE TICKETED HIM FIRST-CLASS, RATHER THAN TOURIST, IN ACCORDANCE WITH 12 FAM 407.3-3.

3. WE REALIZE THIS PUTS HIM INTO WASHINGTON ONE DAY EARLIER THAN YOU HAD EXPECTED BUT BELIEVE THIS ON BALANCE DESIRABLE ALSO BECAUSE IT WILL GET HIM RESTED AND OVER
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THE JET LAG IN TIME FOR PROGRAMMING SESSION MONDAY. HOWEVER, IT IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN VIEW OF HIS RANK THAT HE BE APPROPRIATELY MET ON ARRIVAL ON SATURDAY. AS FOR ANY ACTIVITIES ON SUNDAY, BELIEVE THAT BULGARIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WILL WISH TO TAKE CARE OF HIM TO A VERY LARGE EXTENT, ALTHOUGH SOME ATTENTION FROM THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO BE REQUIRED.

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